

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1 through 7 to read, as follows.

1. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus comprising:  
an image bearing member;  
first developing ~~means having~~ device, including a first developer carrying member,  
for developing a first latent image formed on said image bearing member;  
second developing ~~means having~~ including a second developer carrying member,  
for developing a second latent image formed on said image bearing member after said first  
developing ~~means~~ device has developed the first latent image; and  
a rotary unit, for holding said first and said second developing ~~means~~ device and for  
moving said first and said second developing ~~means~~ device to ~~positions~~ a position opposite  
said image bearing member,  
wherein, upon the reception of an image forming signal at said image forming  
apparatus, said first and said second ~~bearing~~ developer carrying members are rotated before  
the first latent image on said image bearing member is developed.

2. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein, when said first and said second developer ~~bearing~~ carrying members are to be  
rotated before the development of the first latent image, ~~said~~ positions for said first and  
said second developing ~~means~~ device differ from those for the development of the latent  
images.

3. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said rotary ~~member~~ unit can be pivoted, at a shaft that is in parallel with ~~[[to]]~~ a rotary shaft of said rotary ~~member~~ unit and is not coaxial with the rotary shaft, to a first position that is adjacent to said image bearing member, and to a second position that is distant from said image bearing member; and

wherein a ~~[[the]]~~ position of said rotary ~~member~~ unit is the second position when said first and said second developer ~~bearing~~ carrying members are to be rotated before the development of the first latent image.

4. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

a gear, located at a position, in ~~the~~ a circumferential direction, of said rotary ~~member~~ unit, for driving said first and said second developer ~~bearing~~ carrying members,

wherein, when said rotary ~~member~~ unit is rotated, said first developer ~~bearing~~ carrying member engages said gear and then said second developer ~~bearing~~ carrying member engages said gear.

5. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first and said second developer ~~bearing~~ carrying members are flexible rollers, and said first and said second developing ~~means have~~ device includes blades that abut upon said flexible rollers.

6. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, when said first and said second developer ~~bearing~~ carrying members are to be

rotated before the development of the first latent image, a rotational distance for each of said first and said second developer ~~bearing~~ carrying members is less than one rotation.

7. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

an intermediate image bearing member for superimposing and holding first and second developer images that are formed on said image bearing member, before said first and said second developer images are transferred to ~~the~~ a recording material,

wherein, during a period for a ~~[[the]]~~ detection of a home position of said intermediate image bearing member, said first and said second developer ~~bearing~~ carrying members are rotated before the development of the first latent image.